



Atty. Dkt. No 053466-0365

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Hiroaki ITO et al.

Title: A PREVENTIVE OR  
THERAPEUTIC AGENT FOR  
INFLAMMATORY BOWEL  
DISEASE COMPRISING IL-6  
ANTAGONIST AS AN ACTIVE  
INGREDIENT

Appl. No.: 10/677,227

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for a five-month extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.

The extension fee for response within the fifth month is \$2,160.00. A credit card payment form for this amount is enclosed herewith.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by the credit card payment form being unsigned, providing incorrect information resulting in a rejected credit

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card transaction, or even ~~elsewhere~~ missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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